में इस घटना का उल्लेख 16 और 17 मार्च को हुआ हैं । माननीय मंत्री जी ने कहा कि भारी मात्रा में कोयले की लूट नहीं हुई हैं । क्या माननीय मंत्री यह बताएंगे कि कितनी मात्रा में लूट हुई हैं ।

SHRI R. VELU: Sir, my reply is very specific. I did not say, 'large scale'. No such incident of plundering of coal in huge quantity has come...*(Interruptions)*... I have replied like that because he asked the question, as such. The question was-whether a huge quantity of coal was plundered. So, what I am trying to say is, notwithstanding the question, I deputed a team of officers yesterday to find out whether such an incident has occurred, only to know that nothing has happened, except that a rake was detained for one hour for operational reasons. There was no coal plundering on that day.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

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## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

### Livestock package for Kerala

*361. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have decided to implement a special livestock package for three districts in Kerala *viz.* Kasaragode, Wayanad and Palakkad with a view to provide supplementary avenues of income to the suicide prone farming population in these districts;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allotted for this programme during 2007-08; and

(c) whether Government have any plan to extend this programme to other districts in the State and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Special Livestock and Fisheries Sector Package provides for an investment of Rs. 16:45 crore as budgetary support and Rs. 6.04 crore as

loan during 2007-08 on following components in Kasaragode, Palakkad and Wayanad districts of Kerala.

(i) Induction of high yielding milch animals

(ii) Calf rearing programme

(iii) Providing cattle/buffalo breeding services

(iv) Provision of health care to dairy animals

(v) Establishment of milk chilling units

(vi) Feed and fodder supply programme

(vii) Establishment of fodder block making units

(viii) Fisheries programme

(c) No, Sir.

**MSP of Pulses, Oil-seeds, etc.**

*366. SHRI EKANATH K.THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the traders in the country are feeding on high food prices but the farmers are made to starve due to Government policy of not making any increase in the MPS of pulses, oil-seeds and rice;

(b) whether it is also a fact that although the price of tur dal has increased by Rs. 4 per kg. this year, the Ministry allowed only 10 paise per kg. increase for the farmers; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take so that farmers in the country get a good price for their produce?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) The Government fixes the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for various agricultural commodities, including pulses, oilseeds and paddy, taking into account the recommendations of Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), the views of State Governments and concerned Central Ministries as well as other relevant factors, which in the opinion of